

WFP Yemen | 14 November 2024

SITUATION REPORT #10

Yemen interim country strategic plan (2023–2025)

Young students receive their nourishing school meals at a WFP supported in Aden, September 2024
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3.8 million
people assisted
October 2024

20,900 mt
food distributed

US\$ 7.6 m
cash provided

HIGHLIGHTS:

- WFP data shows that food consumption improved slightly in September, primarily attributed to seasonal factors and the increased provision of WFP food assistance.
- In areas under the Sana'a-based authorities, WFP has started its new targeted emergency food assistance programme and is working to scale up assistance in the weeks ahead.
- Severe funding shortages are forcing WFP to prioritize assistance, leaving millions of people in need without support.
- WFP is intensively advocating for increased donor support to expand assistance to as many people in need in Yemen as possible.

ACTIVITY

PEOPLE ASSISTED

Emergency food assistance	3,216,500
Nutrition assistance	774,500
School feeding	521,700
Resilience and livelihoods	67,700

WFP RESOURCES

FUNDING GAP NEXT SIX MONTHS:
November 2024 – April 2025

77%

NET FUNDING REQUIREMENT NEXT SIX MONTHS:
November 2024 – April 2025

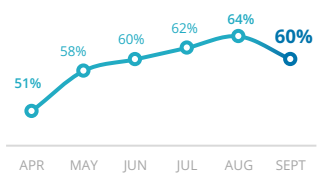
US\$ 608 m

SITUATION UPDATE:

- The latest [WFP data](#) show a month-on-month improvement in food consumption in September, primarily related to cereal harvest, receding floods, and the increased provision of WFP food assistance.

INADEQUATE FOOD CONSUMPTION

Nationwide



- However, Yemen continues to face severe food insecurity. A recent [People in Need analysis](#) by the Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC) estimates that 17.1 million people, 49 percent of the population, are anticipated to be severely food insecure in 2025.
- A partial [Integrated Food Security Phase Classification \(IPC\) analysis](#) covering areas under the internationally recognized Government of Yemen (*IRG, south operational area*) released on 16 October similarly shows a continuation of very high levels of food insecurity.
- According to the [2024 Global Hunger Index](#) ranking released on 10 October (which uses a composite index combining multiple food and nutrition indicators), Yemen ranked second-to-last of all 127 countries included.

WFP ACTIVITIES:

WFP assisted an estimated 3.8 million people across its activities in Yemen in October.¹

Emergency food assistance:

- WFP provided emergency food assistance to approximately 3.2 million people in Yemen in October:

	Food	Cash	Total
North Operational area (SBA)	88,585	0	88,585
South Operational area (IRG)	2,217,950	909,939	3,127,889
Total:	2,306,535	909,939	3,216,474

- In areas under the Sana'a-based authorities (*SBA, north operational area*), WFP in early November started distributions under its new [targeted emergency food](#)

assistance programme. The initial distributions targeted 1.5 million people in 35 districts, and WFP is preparing to expand the programme further in the weeks ahead.

IMPACT OF FUNDING SHORTFALLS - FOOD ASSISTANCE:
In SBA areas, WFP continues to face funding shortfalls, and urgently needs additional donor support to be able to scale food assistance to adequately address needs.


Nutrition assistance:

- WFP assisted 774,500 children and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBWG) under its nutrition activities in October:²

	Children	PBWG	Total
Treatment of moderate acute malnutrition	284,669	386,592	671,261
Prevention of acute malnutrition	44,318	58,917	103,235
Total:	328,987	445,509	774,496

IMPACT OF FUNDING SHORTFALLS - NUTRITION:
Due to continued funding shortfalls, WFP has been forced to scale down its malnutrition prevention programme significantly, affecting 2.3 million children and PBWG, 96 percent of the plan.

School feeding:

- WFP assisted 521,700 schoolchildren in 1,737 school under its school feeding programme in October.  **1,737 schools covered**
- Under its Healthy Kitchens project, WFP provided fresh meals to 28,600 children in 31 schools in Aden and Sana'a in October. WFP is now preparing to expand the project to Al Hodeidah and Ta'iz.


IMPACT OF FUNDING SHORTFALLS - SCHOOL FEEDING:
Due to funding shortfalls, WFP only targeted approximately one million schoolchildren out of the originally planned 2 million nationwide at the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

Resilience and livelihoods:

- WFP supported 67,700 people under its resilience and livelihoods programme in October, transferring US\$ 1 million in cash-based transfers to participants.
- Participants worked on 200 assets, including rural road rehabilitation, water harvesting, and agricultural projects in nine governorates.

CLUSTERS & COMMON SERVICES:

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS):

- In October, the WFP-managed UNHAS  **71 organisations** utilized UNHAS services operated 86 flights, carrying **1,408 passengers** from 19 UN agencies and 52 international non-governmental organizations (INGOs).
- On 02 November, a UNHAS Yemen aircraft suffered damage in a bird strike. WFP is working to minimize disruption while the aircraft is being repaired in Nairobi.

Logistics Cluster:

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster supported **75 partners** in October through coordination, information management, and capacity building programmes.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster:

- The WFP-led ETC **supported 49 partner organizations** in October, providing critical data connectivity to 1,500 humanitarian workers as well as UN security communications services to 2,400 responders.
- Following the **launch** of SpaceX Starlink satellite internet services in IRG areas of Yemen (as the first country in the Middle East), the ETC is planning to negotiate special corporate packages on behalf of humanitarian actors in those areas.

On-demand services:


- WFP delivered **1 million litres** of fuel to INGOs in October, facilitating the uninterrupted provision of life-saving services in INGO-supported Health and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) facilities.  **1.1 m litres of fuel provided to partners**
- 89,000 litres** of locally sourced diesel and petrol were provided by WFP to other United Nations agencies and INGOs to sustain their humanitarian activities.
- 595 m³** of non-food items were in the WFP sea shipment pipeline on behalf of four partner organisations.

¹ Individual activity assistance figures cannot be summed due to overlap between activities. Monthly assistance figures are estimates and subject to change pending final beneficiary reconciliation.

² Nutrition assistance figures are based on monthly dispatches.

TARGETING & REGISTRATION:

Beneficiary targeting and prioritization


 Faced with limited resources and to strengthen assurance measures, WFP is conducting a beneficiary re-targeting and registration exercise in Yemen.

In SBA areas, WFP has completed a pilot exercise in two districts and is preparing for a phased rollout starting in November.

In IRG areas, data collection for existing beneficiaries has been completed, and the first stage of the prioritization phase is ongoing.

MONITORING:

WFP Research, Assessment and Monitoring (RAM)

 WFP and its third-party monitoring partners conducted 1,200 on-site monitoring visits in October, covering all implemented activities.

Through its **Beneficiary Verification Mechanism**, WFP conducted 3,600 outgoing phone calls to verify assistance provision, confirm deliveries to distribution points, and to collect food security data.

WFP received **54,200** incoming phone calls to its **Community Feedback Mechanism**, which provides a channel for beneficiaries to interface directly with WFP.